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CAIRO FOR AMB ATHERTON

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI PORG  
SUBJ: IDF APPRECIATION OF JULY 31 EVENTS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. IDF INTELLIGENCE REQUESTED A JOINT BRIEFING OF  
DAO AND SFR AT 1730 LOCAL TO PRESENT THEIR CONCERNS  
OVER EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON ON JULY  
31. THEY SAID:

A. LEBANESE ARMY CONTINGENT MOVED SOUTH IN A  
CONVOY OF 150 VEHICLES ESCORTED BY A COMPANY OF SYRIAN  
TROOPS TO KAWKABA.

B. THEY MADE CONTACT WITH UNIFIL AT THIS POINT.  
UNIFIL PASSED AN ULTIMATUM TO LAF FROM HADDAD TO WITHDRAW  
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BY 1500 HOURS LOCAL.

C. SPORADIC "WARNING SHORTS" WERE FIRED BY HADDAD.

2. IDF INTELLIGENCE ASSESS THE SITUATION AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE 12 KILMETER ADVANCE BY A SYRIAN COMPANY SOUTH OF

THE "RED LINE" REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE STATUS QUO.

B. SYRIAN PRESENCE COULD RESULT IN CLASHES BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA IN THE SOUTH AND THE SYRIANS.

C. THE MOVE OF THE LEBANESE ARMY SOUTH VIA THE ROUTE THROUGH THE CHRISTIAN ENCLAVE IS SEEN AS A PACKAGE DEAL BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON AND SYRIA IN EXCHANGE FOR REDUCED SYRIAN PRESSURE IN THE BEIRUT AREA.

D. THIS PLANNED MOVEMENT TO TIBNIN WAS THE PRELUDE TO MOVING THE TOTAL LAF FIRST BRIGADE FROM THE BEKAA TO THE SOUTH WITH THE DESIGN TO SPLIT THE CHRISTIAN EASTERN AND CENTRAL ENCLAVES.

3. IDF BRIEFER STATED THAT HADDAD HAS REPUDIATED ALL TEMPTATIONS TO LEAVE. HE SEES HIMSELF AS THE NATURAL LEADER, AND THAT HIS DEPARTURE WOULD RESULT IN THE DIS-INTEGRATION OF THE ENCLAVE. THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA WILL NOT ACCEPT LEADERSHIP FROM THE NORTH; IN THEIR VIEW THERE IS NO ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE.

4. ISRAELIS AGAIN PROPOSED AS THE ONLY WORKABLE SOLUTION THE COURSE THEY RECOMMENDED AT THE ILMAC MEETING ON JULY 30; THAT THE LEBANESE ARMY TRANSIT TO THE SOUTH VIA NABATIYAH.  
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5. AMBASSADOR CURRENTLY MEETING WITH MOD WEIZMAN ON SUBJECT OF SOUTHERN LEBANON TO GAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON ISRAELI VIEWS AND INTENTIONS. LEWIS

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